

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Workshop #1
December 8, 2024

NAME: _____

MY TOPIC: _____

MY SPEECH'S THEME:

- The overarching message of your speech, distilled into one sentence.
- Refer to your theme (directly and indirectly) throughout your speech.
- Try and express your theme creatively, such as through a metaphor.

SPEECH OUTLINE

The three basic parts of an Oratorical Festival speech are:

1. The **introduction**—a compelling opening that introduces your audience to your topic and the theme of your speech.
2. The **body**—the “meat” of your speech where you discuss your research into the topic, and how the topic relates to your life (and your audience’s life).
3. The **conclusion**—a compelling closing where you summarize the main idea of your speech.

MY INTRODUCTION:

- Inform the audience of your topic in an interesting way.
- Consider asking the audience a rhetorical question.
- Tell a brief and interesting story relevant to the topic. This could be:
 - A parable/fable, or a real anecdote from your own life.
 - A story from the Bible or the life of a Saint.
- Consider giving your audience a “roadmap” of what your speech will cover.

BODY:

Section 1 (factual and researched information)

- Who/what/when/where/why?
- What do the Saints, theologians, or the Bible tell us about this topic?
- Consider using quotes (and cite your sources).

BODY (continued):

Section 2 (personal discussion and analysis of your research)

- Are there any major current events relevant to this topic?
- What are your personal feelings about the topic/how it relates to you?
- How does this topic apply to all of our lives today?
- How have you been influenced by a person/idea you've discussed, or how might you be influenced by what you've learned moving forward in your life?

CONCLUSION:

- No new information, just summarizing what you've already presented.
- End in an interesting way, such as:
 - With a thought-provoking question.
 - By revealing the end of a story you previewed in your introduction.
 - With an exclamatory remark or call to action.